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Response to Office Action of October 28, 2009

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of October 28, 2009 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the following Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to clarify that the rail is planar and removably supports a planar casing of the printhead in the printer. Support for this amendment can be found at page 39, lines 24-36 and Figs. 10 and 11 of the present application; and

dependent claims 3-5, 7, 13, 31, 37-41 and 49 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the Amendment does not add any new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections and Response to Arguments

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of pending independent claim 1, and claims 3-5, 7, 13, 31, 37-41 and 49 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Martin, Nozawa, Edrinn, Rhoads, Stoffel and Goldstein either considered alone or in view of one another, because amended claim 1 clarifies the shape of the claimed "rail" which is distinguished from both the shape and function of the rod disclosed by Rhoads for at least the reasons previously discussed by the Applicant.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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